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A right-royal floral welcome to the new King Charles III garden outside the Community shop [photo by Tony Sale]

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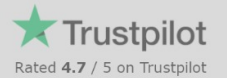
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for things to go into the next Gosfield Grapevine magazine is:

Friday, 26th July, 2024

Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines. If you would like to advertise your community event, club, or business, and for anything Grapevine related, please contact the Gosfield Grapevine editor at:

grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, 16th June – Father's Day

Thursday, 20th June – Summer Solstice

Saturday, 22nd June – Hedingham Singers, St. Catherine's Gosfield

6th June 1944 – 80th Anniversary of D Day

Thursday, 4th July – GENERAL ELECTION

Saturday, 6th July – Gosfield Fete

Sunday, 14th July – 'born2tri' Gosfield Multi-Sport Triathlon

Saturday, 20th July – Summer Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society

Saturday, 21st September – Autumn Show, Gosfield Horticultural Society


Presented by Gosfield School: "High School Musical", 5th June at 6pm and 6th & 7th June at 7 pm, JW Turner Performing Arts Centre

Tuesdays 4.30pm – dusk; Fridays 12.30-1.30; and Sundays 8am and 9am – Suitable for beginners – booking in via FB @Gosfieldlakeopenswimming

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start at the Community Shop – 10:30 to 11:30

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Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES:

The Parish Council have been very active dealing with various matters on behalf of the parish.

All planning applications to Braintree District Council have been reviewed and commented on accordingly. One application which is of particular note is that by Gosfield School to construct a new eco-centre and open air amphitheatre within their grounds. Your Parish Council have considered and fully support this application.

The Kings Coronation Garden committee have now finalised the garden at the side of our new community shop and must be congratulated as it looks superb and is a real asset to the village.

We are hopeful that after many delays, mainly due to weather conditions, we will soon be in a position to have a final specification for the resurfacing of the playing field car park. This will enable us to obtain quotations and start the fund raising process.

We have recently been reviewing an application regarding proposed diversions of public footpaths and in formulating our response we will take into account the views of both parishioners and the landowner.

The land at the top of Meadway opposite to the new development is to be transferred to the Parish Council as part of the planning agreement and the Parish Council will also be receiving a sum of money to be placed in trust for the upkeep of that land. This matter is currently with solicitors and, until the land is transferred to us, we unfortunately cannot deal with or make any bye-laws in relation to this land.

The Parish Council own the playing field and pavilion but delegate the day to day management and maintenance of those areas, excluding the children's play area, to Gosfield Playing Field Management Committee which is a separate body of volunteers. The relationship between GPFMC and the Parish Council has recently been formalised in an agreement which was recently approved by both parties.

The Parish Council understand that there has been some recent speculation and discussion in relation to the Kings Head Public House. At the last Parish Council meeting, the matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would lead and undertake whatever steps that it was able to do in order to help preserve the future of the Kings Head.

Tricia Edwards.

Ongoing planning applications for building works are as follows.

Application for removal of Condition 3 (Restriction of use by occupier) of planning permission 12/00484/FUL - Erection of single storey stable block and manege to paddock and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use, Sparrows The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 24/00911/VAR

New eco-centre and open air amphitheatre with supporting landscaping and footways.

Gosfield School Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PF, Ref. No: 24/00669/FUL

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For anything Parish Council related, please contact the Parish Clerk, as above.

PARISH PONDERINGS - FROM ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Sadly, this is going to be my last piece for the Gosfield Grapevine. I have been working in parishes in Halstead and the local villages for eight and a half years, and it is time to move to pastures new. I'm heading over the border to Suffolk, to a Church of England role there. While this new opportunity is exciting and comes at a good time for me personally, I am very sad to be leaving St Catherine's Church, as my close involvement here has only been for the last two years and I would have loved to be part of the community here for longer and keep getting to know it better.

But in times of change, where both joy and sorrow, hope and anxiety, so often come together, the Christian faith tells us that we can always depend on the constancy and faithfulness of God. The Bible gives us amazing promises, that God's love endures forever, that he is always with us by his Spirit, and that we can trust him in all situations. And so often, the message that Jesus gives is "Peace be with you". That's no superficial peace, no vague exhortation to relax or chill out or not to worry. Rather, it is the promise of a deep and abiding gift, a peace that passes our human understanding, that can hold good, even when circumstances around us are difficult and happiness is fleeting. God's peace reassures us that he holds us safely in his hands through all the change and challenge that life brings, and that we can always rely on him to be with us and to help us.

If you want to find out more about the Christian faith and explore the spiritual life that it offers, you will always find a genuinely warm welcome at St Catherine's Church. Why not come along one Sunday at 10.30am to try out a service there? Or pop in during the week (the church is open each day) if you are looking for some quiet space for prayer or reflection.

Finally, a huge thank you from me to all who have made me so welcome here in Gosfield. I will hold you in my prayers in the months to come.

God bless, Revd Katie. Halstead Area Team, Area Dean, Hinckford Deanery.

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ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

April Winners:	No 4. Mrs. S Jarvis	No. 23. Mrs. B Weight
	No. 22. Mr. G Rayner	No 60. Mr. R Sycamore
May Winners:	No. 39. Mr. J Paterson	No. 140. Mrs. S Broyd
	No. 52. Mrs. J Howlett	No. 155. Mrs. J Turbin.

Anyone wishing to join, please contact **Hazel** on 01787-472593

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, GOSFIELD:

We are part of The Three Saints group of parishes along with St Andrew's Church, Halstead and St James' Church, Greenstead Green; and belong to the wider Halstead Area Team Ministry. Everyone is welcome at your local parish church. Services for the next two months at St. Catherine's and other churches are as follows:

Sun.	2	JUNE	10:30	Team Service	St. Andrews, Halstead
Sun.	9	JUNE	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sun.	16	JUNE	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	23	JUNE	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sun.	30	JUNE	10:00	Team Service	St. Andrews, Earls Colne
Sun.	7	JULY	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	14	JULY	10:30	Morning Worship	
Sun.	21	JULY	10:30	Holy Communion	
Sun.	28	JULY	10:30	Morning Worship	

Refreshments – usually including home-made cakes and sausage rolls ! – are served after Sunday services at St Catherine's.

Please note, the service on June 2nd will be Rev'd Katie's last service as Rector of the Halstead Area Team. We thank her for her care during the last few years.

Sunday services are also streamed via Zoom. If you wish to join, the meeting details are:

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If you are housebound and want to join in worship but prefer the phone to Zoom, there is also the Daily Hope phone line, which offers familiar hymns and prayers free of charge if you dial 0800-804-8044.

For more information on services and activities in the Three Saints Parishes, please contact the parish office on 01787-478471.

VILLAGE CIRCLE CLUB

Village Circle goes from strength to strength and last month 24 members and 4 visitors enjoyed Paula Short's talk on An American in Paris. Did you know that singer Josephine Baker spent most of her life living in Paris and even worked for the French Government during the World War II as an allied spy? No, we didn't either, but we do now !

At this month's meeting 22 members and 8 visitors were entertained by Geoff Hitchcock and his stories and information on the RNLI. For June's meeting on 20th, we welcome back Eve Relegous who is going to tell us all about Harrods and our July meeting on the 18th will see us at the Pavilion for our summer Afternoon Tea.

So, plenty going on as you can see and you'd be very welcome to join us on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 2 til 4pm in the Maurice Rowson Hall. If you would like to join us as a member it will cost £20 per year but, if you'd rather come as a visitor at £3 per visit you'd be very welcome.

Lord Nugent

Tony Sale's wonderful aerial photo of the South West Front of Gosfield Hall on the front cover of last month's magazine, reminded of just how much Gosfield Village or at least its geography owes to Lord Nugent.

Lord Robert Nugent came from an aristocratic Irish background though he spent all of his life in England. He had been married originally to Lady Emilia Plunket but she had died in childbirth in 1731. In 1736 he then married Anne Craggs the owner of Gosfield Hall. Anne had already been married and widowed twice and through her marriages and family inheritance was quite rich. Though contemporary accounts said that she was 'fat and ugly' that was no barrier to Robert Nugent who was described by a contemporary as 'a jovial and voluptuous Irishman who had left popery for the Protestant religion, money and widows.'

Anne had a personal fortune of some £100,000, a huge sum in those days and also the patronage of a parliamentary constituency of St Mawes, Cornwall which enabled Robert Nugent to enter Parliament where he made many speeches but never attained high office. He could also use his wife's fortune for the remodelling of his new estate and Hall at Gosfield (In recognition of this good fortune he changed his name to Craggs-Nugent in honour of his wife.) Anne may have been 'fat and ugly' but she was an excellent hostess and Gosfield Hall welcomed many distinguished MPs and authors like Hugh Walpole.

Gosfield Hall is a courtyard house with 4 fronts. The original Tudor front survives but two of the other sides had already been remodelled, one by Anne's second husband John Knight. Lord Nugent now remodelled the South East front in the contemporary Georgian style which you can see from the windows and white painted facade.

To give the Hall a fashionable view he had an ornamental lake constructed by damming the Bourne Brook. He then set about creating a landscaped park along the lines of the designer Capability Brown. That meant planting clumps of specimen trees many of which still survive. (The Cedars at the top of the Playing Field and some Wellingtonias on the Golf Course.) So that the views would not be interrupted by fences and hedges, a Ha Ha wall and ditch were constructed which would keep the cattle out and the deer into his Park and a subsidiary one round the Hall itself. The one along Hall Drive still survives though in a sad state of disrepair apart from that bit in front of the Playing Field owned by the Parish Council.

Anne died in 1756, and in her memory Lord Nugent had memorial erected in Gosfield Church. It was by a famous 18th century sculptor called Riesbrack so no expense was spared, although it is a rather elaborate memorial for a simple Medieval church like Gosfield. (Incidentally, I discover that there is a similar memorial to Anne's sister in St Germans church in Cornwall by the same sculptor, presumably paid for by Lord Nugent).

Lord Nugent then married a third time, again to a rich widow but he left behind no sons only daughters and Gosfield Estate then passed to this son in law the Marquess of Buckingham.

Bob Waters.

Gosfield Grapevine Delivery Zones:

Future deliverers required !

The parish council relies on a team of volunteers to deliver the Gosfield Grapevine to each household in the village [six times per year]. At intervals, a given deliverer will need to retire from her / his volunteering. When this happens, a new volunteer needs to step forward. Will anyone who wants to be a future volunteer please contact the editor and indicate which zone [see below] you would be willing to cover.

CODE:	ZONE:	QTY.:	RANGE:
A	Lake Park Homes	62	Lake Park Homes
B	Church Road and The Social Club'	40	Including: Lake House, The Lodge, The Boathouse, The Bungalow [4], North Lodge, 2 and 4, Hall Drive
C	Hall Drive	13	Including: Gosfield Hall, Gosfield Golf Club
D	The Limes and Nun's Meadow	58	The Limes and Nun's Meadow
E	The Lindens	17	The Lindens
F	Hedingham Road	19	Hedingham Road
G	Halstead Road	60	Including: East Lodge, Russells Corner, Woodpeckers, West Lodge
H	Highlands	42	Highlands
I	White Ash Green	16	White Ash Green
J	Edmund Green	51	Including: Galleon House
K	School Park	106	School Park
L	Greenfields and Greenways	82	Greenfields and Greenways
M	The Street	65	From Sparrows to Beeches, Park Lane, Ox Yard, Rookery Cottage, Primary School, The Firs; excluding: Galleon House, Kings Head, The Marquis, The Club
N	Braintree Road	29	Aldecar No. 1 to No. 51, Aylewoods Farm, Aylewards Lodge
O	Peterfields Lane and New Road	30	From Landmark House to Whitehouse Farm
P	Gosfield Road [inc. CM7 5PA], Briantree Road	9	Gosfield Eaves, Gosfield Eaves Cottage, Copper Beech House, Hornbeam House, Iron Pear Tree Farm, Mallards, Westwood House, White Ash House, Woodside
Q	Outlying Areas	32	Park Hall Road [15], Liston Hall Farm, Liston Hall Bungalow, Hedingham Road, Orange Hall Lodge, Hope Bungalow, Broakside, The Maples, Brambles, Westmead Oakwood Farm, Honeywoods, Shardlowes * 3 [11]

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The Beavers and Cubs have moved to Gosfield School (Halstead Road) by kind permission of Rod Jackson - School Principal - and the staff.

We have been made very welcome at the School and are now able to offer even more activities now that we have more space to meet in.

We meet on Wednesdays Beavers (aged 6 to 8) 5.30 to 6.30 and Cubs (aged 8 to 10) 6.30 to 7.30,

We now have room for more young people now that we have more space.

Scouting is open to both boys and girls, all are welcome.

We are also in need of more leaders, in particular we would like to start up the Scout section again, aged 10 to 14, but we need leaders to do that, anyone up for the challenge !

We will be taking part in both the Village Fete in July and the Gosfield School Grand Fete in June, come and visit us.

Steve Sudbury Group Scout Leader

The King Charles III Coronation Garden.

The garden, next to the Community Shop, is now completed. This was a joint project between Gosfield in Bloom, Gosfield Coronation Team and the Gosfield Community Shop, supported by Gosfield Parish Council and a grant from Braintree District Council's Community Gardens and Open Spaces fund. The garden was created to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, to tidy up a bit of a rubbish tip and to provide a pleasant space for everyone to enjoy whether it be to have your coffee and read the paper, eat an ice cream or just sit and chat to friends.

Our special thanks go to Matt Jarvis for the groundwork and hard landscaping, Barry Deal from Junk Dog for the archway and crown, Dennis Humphrey of 'Out of our Tree' for renovating the original Gosfield Village sign, all producing such wonderful workmanship and Jo Colyer for her generous donation. Thanks also to everyone else who helped with this project, especially the mid May Saturday morning team, whose heroic shovelling and carrying filled the planters in no time enabling us to get all the planting done. We're just awaiting delivery of the filled hanging baskets from the nursery and 2 will hang from the refurbished village sign.

We hope you enjoy this little haven of peace, birdsong, colour and scents from the variety of plants around the garden.

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GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

We are now into the Summer period within the club. With no league matches to play and only a few “friendly” matches with local clubs, it is a time to relax and perhaps to practice shots and positional play in readiness for the next year Winter League matches. We do indeed need to practice more, particularly in understanding the positions of the bowls already in play and how to best play the next shot.

We finished 7th in the Winter League 2023/24, which, considering that this was the first competitive league series that most of our members had ever played in, it was a good performance. Membership is however very keen to compete in the 2024/25 series Winter League and to that end we have been practising positional play and improved bowl control of the bowls during the normal club evenings.

Membership level is now at 23 members with several new members replacing members that have retired, moved to other areas or, regrettably, have died during the past season.

I have spent some time in this article talking about playing in the league competitions. This may give a false impression. We play on two nigths per week throughout the year and enjoy the club spirit, the competition and the company of the other members of the club, The atmosphere is both enjoyable and competitive. The club meets on Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the year. If you wish to try your hand at this competitive and skilful please contact:

Paul M Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

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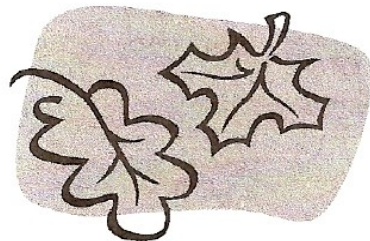
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10th August
31st August
21st September

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MEMORIES from Linda (Marlow, Richardson) Kemp

I am hoping some of you read Tricia Edwards suggestion that you can submit articles you think would be of interest to Grapevine readers. It was part of her council report on the first page I do not know Tricia but she speaks for the council so I hope you do show an interest. Snippets from your memory bank be they long ago like mine or more recent years. It all creates a tale of village life. An Historical record. You might think it is worthless, but Local History builds a wealth of information for the future of the village long after we have left it to the 'babes in prams' of today and so on.

Mentioning people, etc., helps future Family searches. Social History is as valuable as grass roots history. We hear about Elizabeth 1st visiting Gosfield Hall but in depth we find she was just calling in on her friend from childhood Lady Maltravers en route elsewhere.

We know of a French Duke escaping France to England with his poor suffering wife pushed from pillar to post but staying a good while at Gosfield Hall thanks to the benevolence of the then owners. Indeed becoming the King of France whilst staying there.

A landowner in the village actually risked the wrath of an earlier century English King by marrying his daughter who had simply fallen in love with him There was much slapping of wrists to put it mildly .loss of lands and banishment to the tower, but then the King needed the fella so sent him off to fight for him.

Gosfield had a few Manors, as you probably know, each Manor would provide for the King or Queen a Knights quarter regards provision of men, etc., for battle and they did have a few battles. The Manor of Hodings was the area surrounding the old vicarage. Then you had Shardlowes. Bellhouse. Biggs which in the future became the area around Ox Yard and Gosfield Place The Hall house with a Kings beam is Street Farm. All these parts of history of the village can be easily researched but something 'however small' that a dear old villager recounts that their Gt. Gt. passed down to them is worthy of being written and told over and over.

Land was always being swapped about or sold off. The land around the Kings Head belonged to Sir Richard Jepson. Who is he when he's at home? Or maybe it was never his home? There's someone to track down for a keen sleuth.

People of standing like the Vicar of the Parish were not always where you expected them to be. One Vicar resided in a pleasant coastal town having installed a lowly and little paid Curate to see to the Gosfield souls. The errant Vicar meanwhile retaining the stipend of course. Others, like Henry Lettisom Elliot took the Parish to his heart with his family and was much appreciated.

Village fetes before the Park were held in the Vicarage grounds, quite extensive to the rear also in the area now of School Park Estate or beyond the Bourne Brook (Sparrows Pond) and Gosfield Place. Large events were held sometimes in Royal celebration. We have photographs of wonderful ladies in costumes and Pageantry. I mustn't forget that Fetes were held at Cut Hedge too.



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For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents. If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs

If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

Visit us at an event near you! Digital Essex will be attending events across Essex this Spring and Summer, where we'll be sharing the latest information about changes to phone lines.

We are planning to attend the Braintree Street Market event on the 29th of June. This is subject to change so please see the full list of events at:

www.superfastessex.org/landline-switch-events

BT is also visiting locations across Essex throughout May. For full details, visit their website at:

www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice/events

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website:

www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch



MEMORIES, continued:

FETE, Entertainments in the 1950/60's. I have given a photo to be printed but it depends on the editor's space. It has young Malcolm Osborne in it. It was also SPORTS time for schools. Another photo that I submitted has some pupils with no 3 of their shirts, they took part representing the village at the inter schools sports held at Rosemary Lane where the Halstead football matches are played. I have a picture of me running there but the group I felt showed us all no letter in TEAM. I'm the girl with '3' on shirt and I am kneeling (with hair tied up with a ribbon). We always did rather well I recall. My brother Doug and Valerie Tingey were so fast.

If I can remember these times then I know there must be others too still in the village...a bit younger than me or older... I have a large picture to name some Gosfield ladies on (for Museum archives) so many faces I've forgotten the names of but I do recognise them. Graham Allen I think your Nan is one. I'm also trying to name some Junior footballers in a picture. I naturally and sadly see my brother Barry who died six months ago, I invited Mike Dyson's help on a few as he was in the team and also CLIVE WILSON but sadly Clive has just passed away 23rd May. I mentioned his Grandfather, Mr Pye, singing the Easter Anthem in the previous issue. On that sad note for me I will finish my rambling. PS: my friend's daughter asked why the Village Hall is called The Maurice Rowson Hall. Well as June is my birth month and I am a Gemini so it also was Maurice Rowsons' as he told me once as we danced. He was a good dancer. I was called Gem if he popped around for a chat with my Dad. We will save a story of Maurice for next time. Or perhaps Bob or David can do an article on him.... Keep well. Pray for a sunny Fete day. Remember to thank the behind the scenes hard workers of which there are many as usual. LK.

MAURICE ROWSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Maurice Rowson Hall Management Committee AGM will be held in the Bill Pasfield Room in the Rowson Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 18th June 2024 when the election of officers for the coming year will be made. A report of the year to the 31st March 2024 will be given along with the annual accounts.

The committee membership is open to all village organisations and groups and all are able to appoint a representative to serve on the committee and assist with helping to keep this valuable facility to the community on a sound basis. If your village organisation uses the hall, please consider if you are able to give some time to the running of the hall; meetings are held monthly and usually last less than an hour.

The Rowson Hall is a charity registered with the Charity Commission to whom reports are made annually.

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If you would like to rent an allotment plot, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Tel: 0790-7631172 (parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org).



GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

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Sunday: 8 am to noon

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Grey square – grey bin and food bin

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D-Day 6th of June 1944 - 80th Anniversary

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy, 6th of June 1944, the successful invasion of the beaches, codenamed Operation Neptune, and Overlord. The Normandy landings made up the largest seaborne invasion in history and played a crucial role in liberating Western Europe from Nazi occupation.

D-Day altered the course of history, signalling the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany when Allied forces shattered Hitler's Atlantic Wall, opening another major front.

On the 5th and 6th of June 2024, the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France to honour the brave service men and women who risked their lives in the cause of freedom and peace, there will be a special 80th Anniversary flag at St Catherine Church from the 31st of May.

Here in Gosfield we commemorate Albert Edward Williams [see photo opposite], Guardsman 2722670 of the 3rd Battalion Irish Guards, killed in action on the 3rd of August 1944 at the age of 29, the son of William and Maud Amy Williams of Gosfield.

The battalion landed in Normandy at Arromanches on the 23rd of June and served throughout the Normandy Campaign, both the 2nd and 3rd battalions served as part of the Guards Armoured Division and took part in Operations Goodwood and Bluecoat, the attempt to capture the town of Caen (Goodwood) and the battle to take Mont Picon. It was during Operation Bluecoat, one of a series of offensives designed to pin down as many German divisions as possible to enable a breakout further into Normandy and beyond, that Guardsman Williams was killed. Alex Mair.

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Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund

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Annual Report for Year to 31st December, 2023

Meetings of the Fund Trustees were held in February, May, August and November during 2023, these dates are normal practice each year and should be noted by future applicants requesting financial help from the Fund. To assist our clerk, Dave Jarvis, such applications are required a minimum of two weeks before each meeting. Please also note that meetings are held on the second Monday in each of the above months. To obtain an application form please either phone Dave Jarvis on 01787-474562, or email: davjar33@gmail.com.

Present trustees are:

Co-opted Trustees (5 year period): Nominated Trustees (4 year period):

Mrs M Adams	Parish Council nominated:
Mr. D Jarvis	Mrs. A M Pawsey
Mr. M Smith	Mrs. J Colyer
Mr. M Ford	Mrs. C Hough
Mr. A Mair	Mr. W H Pasfield (GPCC-nominated)

FINANCE, £:

(Note: value of invested funds is subject to market fluctuations)

<u>Income for the year to:</u>	<u>31-12-2023</u>	<u>31-12-2022</u>
COIF Dividends	20,764.30	20,684.30
Gosfield Twinning Association	2,858.06	
Bank Interest	3,284.14	725.03
Totals	26,906.50	21,409.33

Expenditure, £:

Grants made totalled	33,890.78	16,925.07
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Assests and Liabilities:

	<u>31-12-2023</u>
COIF Permanent Endowment Funds	749,024.32
COIF Accumulated Income Units	7,342.05
Bank balances as at 31-12-22	71,122.69
Total	827,489.06

Outstanding liabilities	3,900.00
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Please note. Gosfield Twinning Association. On the winding up of the Gosfield Twinning Association it was requested that the existing funds be transferred to the Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund. This request was approved by the Charity Commission.

Prepared by Mr W H Pasfield Chairman
14th March, 2023

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
Responsible Financial Officer	Richard Edwards
Nature Reserve	Strudwick
Allotment Officer	Farrelly
Footpaths	Colyer, Hough
Finance	Waters, Richard Edwards
Appeals	Colyer
Children's Play Area	Colyer, Hough, Pawsey, Strudwick
Planning	Waters, Pawsey, Farrelly, Colyer, Tricia Edwards
Car Park drainage/surfacing	Willis
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Hough
Personnel	Tricia Edwards, Pawsey, Waters
Neighbourhood Plan Committee www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.org	John Willis [Chairman], Tricia Edwards, Richard Edwards, Tony Strudwick, Bob Waters
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

Braintree Association of Local Councils [BALC]	Tricia Edwards, Waters
Coffee Rooms Trust	Waters
Maurice Rowson Hall Management Committee	Strudwick
Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund	Pawsey, Hough, Colyer
Playing Field Management Committee	T Edwards, Hough, Pawsey
Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee	Strudwick

Member of Parliament: Mr James Cleverly MP - or: Braintree Conservatives Association Office:	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk Suite 11, The Centre, Lakes Industrial Park, Braintree, CM7 3RU
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